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TAGS: PFOR, FR, CH

SUBJECT: FRENCH JOURNALIST VISITING PEKING

1. HECTOR DE GALARD SENIOR EDITOR ON LE NOUVEL
OBSERVATEUR, LEAVES PARIS SEPTEMBER 7 WITH ADVANCE PARTY
OF FRENCH JOURNALIST ACCOMPANYING PRESIDENT POMPIDIOU
ON CHINA VISIT SEPTEMBER 10-17. GALARD REQUESTS OPPORTUNITY
TALK WITH RESIDENT SINOLOGIST IN OUR LIAISON OFFICE
FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION ON CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH THE WEST.
GALARD DOES NOT SPEAK ENGLISH.
2. NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR IS LEFT-LEANING WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE
WITH WIDE READERSHIP AMONG INTELLECTUAL COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY
YOUTH. PEKING CONTACT WOULD PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPOSE
THIS IMPORTANT JOURNAL (WHICH IS OFTEN CRITICAL OF US
FOREIGN POLICY) TO US VIEWS.
3. QUAI OFFICIAL SAID THAT GOF OBVIOUSLY COULD NOT
ATTEMPT TO DICTATE WHOM FRENCH JOURNALIST COULD OR COULD
NOT SEE DURING PEKING TRIP, BUT IT WAS CLEAR HE FELT
EDITORIAL POLICY OF NOUVEL OBSERVATEUR INDICATED INTERVIEW
COULD WORK AGAINST GOF AS WELL AS US.
4. GIVEN THE UNIQUE NATURE OF OUR REPRESENTATION IN
PEKING AND TIMING OF POSSIBLE INTERVIEW, WE INFORMED
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OBSERVATEUR THAT GALARD'S REQUEST WOULD BE FORWARDED

THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS AND US DECISION WOULD BE CONVEYED TO
HIM IN PEKING (BY USLO DIRECTLY OR
THROUGH FRENCH EMBASSY.)

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF DEPARTMENT'S
DECISION.
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